

February 28, 1986 LB 720, 788, 1043, 1094, 1179
LR 353

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator Vickers. Is there further discussion on LR 353? If not, all those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. We are voting on resolution 353 as introduced by Senator Vickers thanking the teachers of our school systems. Please record your vote. Have you all voted? Record the vote, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the resolution.

PRESIDENT: Resolution 353 is adopted. We proceed to General File on priority bills. LB 788.

CLERK: Mr. President, if I might right before that, your Committee on Business and Labor reports LB 1179 to General File with amendments attached, 720 indefinitely postponed, LB 1043 indefinitely postponed, and LB 1094 indefinitely postponed, all signed by Senator Barrett. (See page 1071 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, LB 788 is a bill introduced by Senator Abboud and others. (Read title.) The bill was first read on January 8 of this year. It was referred to the Judiciary Committee, advanced to General File. I do have Judiciary Committee amendments pending.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Chairman Hoagland of the Judiciary Committee.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Mr. Speaker and colleagues, Senator Abboud's LB 788 introduced by Senator Abboud and a number of our colleagues, it looks like we have ten co-sponsors altogether, was brought to the committee suggesting an important amendment to Senator Higgins' bill of last session, the Child Pornography Prevention Act, and Senator Abboud's bill basically provides two things. Number one, it raises the age from under 16 to under 17. It raises the age of child participants and child observers, and you might recall we discussed those terms extensively on the floor last session, from 15-year olds to 16-year olds. Now the bill also increases the penalty for possession, possession of pornographic material with the intent to rent, sell, or deliver that pornographic material, raises the penalty from a Class I misdemeanor to a Class IV felony for all offenses. Senator Higgins' bill had possession with intent to distribute as a Class I misdemeanor for first offense and a